

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first  
5 information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing  
a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one  
correspondence with the plurality of the first information  
pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of  
10 output times the first information pieces has been outputted  
to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information  
pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second  
information pieces corresponding to the first information  
15 pieces to be outputted; and

a prohibition section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece is  
returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second  
information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the  
20 first information pieces corresponding to the second  
information piece of which the number of output times becomes  
a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the  
terminal in later output after the output to the terminal  
wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the  
25 threshold value.

2. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

5 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted  
10 to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to  
15 the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal;  
and

a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information  
20 piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

25 3. The server according to claim 1, further

comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

5           4.     The server according to claim 2, further comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

10           5.     The server according to claim 1, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

15           6.     The server according to claim 2, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

7.     A terminal comprising:

          a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

20           an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been  
25     outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first  
5 information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

8. The terminal according to claim 7, wherein the  
10 plurality of first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

9. An information processing system comprising:  
a server; and  
15 a terminal connected to the server via a network,  
wherein  
the server comprises:

a first storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

20 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information  
25 pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

5 a prohibition section,

the terminal comprises:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server, and

20 wherein when the outputted second information piece is returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second information pieces, the prohibition section of the server prohibits the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times  
25 becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted

to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

5           10.   An information processing system comprising:  
a server; and  
a terminal connected to the server via a network,  
wherein the server comprises:

10               a first storage section for storing a plurality  
of first information pieces;

15               a corresponding information storage section for  
storing a plurality of second information pieces in  
one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the  
first information pieces, the second information pieces  
indicating number of output times the first information  
pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first  
information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

20               an increment section for incrementing the number  
of output times of the second information piece  
corresponding to the first information piece outputted  
to the terminal each time when the first information  
piece is outputted to the terminal; and

25               a prohibition section for prohibiting the first  
information pieces corresponding to the second

information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value, and the terminal comprises:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

11. An information record medium recording a sever program for causing a server computer contained in a server to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

a prohibition section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece is returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

12. An information record medium recording a sever program for causing a server computer contained in a server to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first



information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal; and

a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

13. An information record medium recording a terminal program for causing a terminal computer contained in a terminal to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first

information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of  
second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with  
the plurality of the first information pieces together with  
5 the first information pieces corresponding to the second  
information pieces, the second information pieces indicating  
number of output times the first information pieces has been  
outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the second  
10 information pieces corresponding to the acquired first  
information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first  
information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second  
15 information pieces to the server.